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Campground proposed by Rt. 2 bridge

By ALISON ALOISIO

A proposal for a 94-site campground by the Androscoggin River, near Bethel's Route 2 bridge, was presented to the Bethel Planning Board last week.

The campground would attract a cross section of campers, from those who want a wilderness experience on an island to those who want full hookups including cable TV and fax lines," in the words of owner Jeff Parsons of Bethel Out-door Adventures.

The proposal, known as the Riverside Campground and Park, also calls for a park that would provide access to the river for canoeing, rowing, kayaking, fishing and other activities.

The development would also include a building for an outdoor outfitting business. It would house retail space as well as a campground office, showers and laundry facility, a restaurant, recreation hall and upstairs apartments.

Might be expanded to include campsites on Hastings Island

Dormitory facilities might be added eventually, extending the recreation season into the winter, Parsons said.

He would like his site to serve ultimately as a center for coordinating all kinds of outdoor recreational activities -- possibly including hiking, climbing, mountain biking, snowmobiling and hunting -- in the Bethel area.

Parsons said while his business would not offer all those activities, it could serve as a central place from which people could make arrangements or reservations.

"Right now, there's no one place people can go," he said.

Parsons is submitting his plan for

the 10.8-acre site in two phases.

His goal for this camping season is to renovate and open the campground that formerly existed on the property. That would mean 20 sites with hookups, and five tent-only sites. There are two existing buildings in place.

Parsons would also like to set up 10 wilderness sites on nearby Hastings Island. But because the island is in a resource protection area, a variance would be required.

The island is owned by Roberta Moccia of Mechanic Falls, Parsons said. He said he has an option to purchase it, and currently has permission to use it.

Moccia was also the previous

owner of Parsons' property. Parsons said she told him the last time the site had been a functioning campground was about five or six years ago.

The more extensive plans for the campground would be part of Phase 2.

Hearing planned

Board chairman Don Feeney said a public hearing will be scheduled because of the magnitude of the project.

A traffic study is also a possibility. Board members cited concerns about additional vehicles and trailers turning off and entering Route 2 in an already congested area.

Shoreland zoning and Department of Environmental Protection requirements must also be met, such as in the case of boat access to the river.

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And trails group wants to build canoe ramp at Davis Park

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Bethel Area Trails Group has agreed to provide the labor and expertise for establishing a public canoe-landing ramp at Davis Park and to maintain the site for a year -- if the town will agree to take responsibility for maintaining the site after the first year, and to put more effort into the upkeep of Davis Park itself.

But members of the trails group are not optimistic the town selectmen will agree to the proposal.

The trails group is an informal coalition of recreation-related business owners, outdoor and environmental organizations and local trail users. The group has been meeting every month or two for the past two years to try to push along projects such as the Bethel Station pathway and a bike path from Bethel to Sunday River.

Other recent items on its agenda include helping to support June's Androscoggin River Source to the Sea Canoe Trip, and seeking designation for Bethel as a "Trails Town USA."

The possibility of a boat ramp at Davis Park has been discussed for a number of years, but Marcel Polak, Upper Androscoggin Valley field director for the Appalachian Mountain Club, told the trails group last week that state money is now available to pay for the construction of such sites.

But to get the funding, he said, local towns or organizations must agree to provide the expertise and labor for the construction of the site.

See CANOE RAMP, page 5



GEAR UP,
SPIN,
STOP
Gould Academy
cyclists
Oliver Sternicki '97 (left)
and Dana Dummond '97
take refuge from
the recent snow
in coach John Wight's
garage. Sternicki,
Dummond, and 15
teammates are
preparing for the
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and youngsters
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Photo by Scott Jerome, right,
and Alison Aloysio



Safe Hangouts: a scene for young teens

By ALISON ALOISIO

"Weekends can be pretty boring. You wonder why you can't wait for the weekend to come."

That's how Telstar eighth-grader Spencer Glover describes the teen entertainment scene in the Bethel area. It's no wonder Glover and his peers welcome the Safe Hangouts program.

Safe Hangouts offers kids everything from white-water rafting trips to pizza and swimming parties.

Middle school teachers Sally Hannon and Sue Howe, along with other volunteers, organized the program about two years ago.

"There just were not many activities for middle-school students," Hannon said. She said community

anti-drug abuse groups were also concerned that the more free time kids had, the more likely they were to fill it with drug use.

So with the help of grant money obtained through the Regional Partnership, Hannon and the others changed that.

They offered trips to Portland Sea Dogs and Pirates games, Funtown, the beach, the Royalty Athletic Club in Gorham, N.H., the Auburn Mall and Mt. Abram, in addition to a rafting trip on the Kennebec River.

The trips have averaged 30 to 40 teens and pre-teens from SAD44 towns. About 150 different kids have participated.

Glover went rafting -- an

adrenalin rush, he said. His favorite trip, though, was to a Pirates game.

"I like hockey, and I'd never been to a live hockey game," he said.

Fellow-eighth-grader Nick Katlin particularly liked the Auburn Mall trip, and a Sea Dogs game.

"You paid a dollar for the bus and got good seats," he said. It was his first trip to see the Portland baseball team.

Asked what he'd be doing otherwise if the activities weren't available, Katlin replied, "Hanging out in town, causing trouble."

Seventh-grader Bobbie McKenna said it's nice to have "different things to do. You don't have to stay home and watch TV. I liked Funtown -- my mother went, too," she said.

One parent volunteer cited an October 1995 Time magazine article as evidence that the need for directed activities among young teens is not peculiar to the Bethel area.

"Ten-to-14-year-olds are being abandoned by their governments, communities, schools and parents just when they most need guidance

and support," the article said. "Seventy-five percent of the parents of nine-year-olds claim high or medium involvement (with their children), while only 55 percent of the parents of 14-year-olds do."

A program expansion that would increase parent involvement is in the planning stages.

"Safe Hangout Homes" would have parents provide activities -- some as basic as offering movies on video to a group of four or five kids -- in their homes.

Hannon hopes the program can get underway within a couple of months.

She said the volunteers have also been talking with Mt. Abram owner Rick Hoddinott about regularly using his lodge for winter activities in the future.

A place to gather

A spin-off program of Safe Hangouts already in place is the Safe Gathering Place, in the rear of the Methodist Church in Bethel.

With a loaned ping-pong table and two computers available, kids can relax, play games, or do homework if they want. The center is open Monday through Friday

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Bethel finances:

New truck is out, PD stays

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Three major Public-Works-Department capital investments fell by the wayside Monday, as Bethel's Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen strove to hold the projected town-budget increase to under 2 percent.

Gone from the Capital Improvement Plan for FY '97 are: \$65,000 for a highway truck with plow, to replace the current 1980 GMC; \$25,000 for a street sweeper with

vacuum; and an additional \$10,000 for road improvements.

The three cuts were in themselves more than enough to bring the budget in under the 2 percent goal.

If the rest of the operational portion of the budget is approved as proposed, the town budget figure to go to voters for FY '97 will be \$1,376,947, up approximately one-third of 1 percent from the current budget of \$1,372,817.

See BETHEL BUDGET, page 4

Brown's jobless pay contested

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel Town Manager Madeleine Henley is attempting to stop former town clerk Merton Brown from collecting further unemployment compensation.

Henley fired Brown in January, citing his conviction on a New Hampshire shoplifting charge and alleged instances of dishonesty in his office work.

Last month, however, a state unemployment examiner ruled Brown had been fired for the shoplifting incident, not anything he did at work.

She said the town's attorney had recommended the appeal and agreed to handle it at no further charge to the town.

Bob Chadbourne, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said the decision to proceed with the appeal was made by Henley, with his concurrence. There was no formal selectmen's vote on the matter, Chadbourne said.

The town does not pay Brown's compensation, but its unemploy-

ment compensation.

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disaster planning workshop, organized by the Maine Association of Museums, will be held at the Library, Route 26, Newfester, on Saturday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. The workshop will cover many topics ranging from accidents to winds. Major topics to be discussed include oil spills, fires, power outages, flooding, water damage, extremes, violent storms, disturbed soils, evacuation procedure, fire bomb threats, and suspicious packages. The workshop leader will be Dill, a staff member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, who has been building and grounds supervisor at the Chesterwood (home of the sculptor Daniel Chester French) in Stockbridge, Mass. Members of the Bethel Historical Society are planning to attend this important workshop in room for two more members of the Bethel delegation. If interested, plan on bringing your beverages to the society office a call (207) 824-9080 so that you may be informed.

new members of the Historical Society include: Maine Press, Bethel; Wendy Mills, Charlestown, Mass.; Leaf Funeral Home, Bethel; E. Leppanen, Lakeport; Barbara Mahler, Bethel; Wilma Gorman, Bethel; Ted Rumford; Raymond Colby; Michael R. Marshall, Princethomas and Phyllis Day, Newark, N.J.; Union Power Company, Lewiston. Welcome is extended to all above.

ING BACK

ars ago: The former Central on Main Street, Bethel (now vacant lot beside Mother's Restaurant) was sold to Yvonne Belli of Boston. Gary "Butch" Belli, full-time ski patroller at Mt. Ski Slopes for 26 years and leader since 1972, passed recently for certification at the level of ski patrolling. G. Belli was named plant of Eko Wood Products at Mills. Birth: Kianne Merrill. Edith Eppier, Rhoda Harrer, Sadie Herrick

rs ago: The Bethel Board of Education appointed Ginger Kelly, George Barlett, Arthur Froborg, Donnell, and Peter Kailley as members of a newly created Education Board. Birth: Angie Death: Ada Dunham.

rs ago: The new well and equipment started operating. West Bethel. Burton Newton sold the Burdick Pierce property formerly the Upson Estate and recently the Hammons House) on Main Street, Bethel. Death: ne.

rs ago: The William Ellery on Lake Christopher, Bryant was purchased by Mr. and Loren of Portland. The McKenna Zoo opened on the Road. Wilfred and Etta Baker purchased the John place at North Bethel (now the home of John and Bonnie Mar-Birth: Scott Gilbert. Deaths: Farwell, Prof. Lawrence

ars ago: Bethel delegates to attend the Republican convention in Bangor were Emma Kerckhoven, Elmer Ben- Henry Boyker, and Eugene Kerckhoven. The boys of Grammar School (now a over lot abutting Gould and Elm Street), coached Charles Chapman, enjoyed a successful basketball season. Maurice Brooks. Death: Minion.

ars ago: Excerpts from the (1) a letter addressed to the of Bethel and signed by the electors -- "There seems to be among the citizens of that Bethel should fittingly and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Bethel, which event occurs on the 17th of June, 1896." (2) an ad outside Poufferyard -- "The man of S.C. Brown Leghorn laying that can be found in the Egg. For setting can be short notice, and at hard ice."

In Looking Back are coming the Bethel Historical Society from back issues of The Citizen.

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Community Calendar, you may
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444, by noon on Mondays.

Briefly

Fryeburg fairgrounds expanding

FRYEBURG--Fryeburg Fair Trustees recently adopted a \$200,000 capital improvement program, to be completed over the summer in preparation for the Sept. 29-Oct. 6 Blue Ribbon Classic. The trustees unanimously approved a package that included spending \$90,000 for a large addition to the craft center, \$40,000 for housing for service personnel and \$12,000 for a new hub rail for the half-mile race track. The expansion of the craft center will add 35 exhibitors to the three dozen that filled the building last year. The service dormitory will accommodate two dozen people and include bathrooms and a kitchen.

Woodstock may sell property

WOODSTOCK--Selectmen decided last week to look at and assess the value of a 45-acre parcel of tax-acquired property before they put it up for sale. Town Manager Vern Maxfield said the land is off the Koskela Road and was owned by Thomas Hurley of Charlestown, Mass. since 1988. The wooded lot is steep, has no right of way for accessing and has no buildings. Maxfield said the taxes are about \$250 a year. With interest and other costs, the town is owed about \$1,000 for the past three years. Maxfield said Hurley has been notified many times that the town would foreclose, but has not responded.

Police find dog uncooperative

RUMFORD--Local police responded to an unusual call Thursday afternoon -- "Car blocking intersection of Congress and Bridge streets, dog at the wheel." The dog had knocked the car's gearshift into neutral, and the vehicle had drifted from a parking spot into the intersection, according to officer F. David Bean. Reports that he had arrested the dog for operating without a license were not true, Bean said. But, he added, the dog was uncooperative and unable to produce the registration.

New boating laws

AUGUSTA--Two recent changes in state boating laws will affect boaters on Maine waters this year. Children 10 or younger must wear a life jacket at all times in any watercraft (this law took effect last year). But contrary to some public misconceptions, there is no law requiring adult boaters to wear life jackets. Although the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife encourages the wearing of personal flotation devices, the choice rests with the adult boater. Boat cushions are no longer legal flotation devices, beginning this year. Boaters on tidal and coastal waters are required to have wearable life jackets aboard for all passengers.

Deer harvest up

AUGUSTA--Despite less than desirable hunting conditions at the beginning of the November deer season, Maine's 1995 deer kill was well ahead of the predicted harvest. The official harvest count for the 1995 season was 27,384. Last fall saw the third largest buck harvest in Maine history. The figure represents an 11 percent increase over the 1994 deer harvest. "This is a welcome change," said Gerry Lavigne, DIFW deer biologist. "It means that the population has rebounded strongly." Lavigne said that mild wintering conditions coupled with several years of rather conservative doe harvests have set the stage for a strong deer recovery, particularly in central and southern Maine.

Snowmobile task force to meet

AUGUSTA--The initial meeting of a task force set up to look at snowmobile safety is slated for April 22. The Maine Snowmobiler Association's task force was requested by the governor in response to a record number of fatalities (12) this season. Agenda items will include review of laws, trail safety checks, safety signage and promotion, adult and youth safety education and club participation. The task force will release a final report and recommendations in September. For more information call 622-6983.

State gets 43 new state troopers

AUGUSTA--The ranks of the Maine State Police increased by 43 Friday at a ceremony in which Gov. Angus King praised the new troopers as being among the best educated and most experienced to receive the badge. The ceremony at the Augusta Civic Center marked the troopers' completion of 23 weeks of study at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville. The new troopers, who report to their assignments April 22, bring the size of the force to 318. The governor said 24 of the new troopers are college graduates, 23 have previous law enforcement experience and 19 have a military background, including two pilots. During the past 1 1/2 months, the new troopers completed 1,100 hours of training.

More women entrepreneurs in Maine

PORLTAND--Women employ nearly 92,000 people -- about 30 percent of the state's workers -- and ring up annual sales of \$10.23 billion, according to a new study. A study by the National Foundation for Women Business Owners estimates that 48,000 businesses in Maine are owned by women, an increase of 37 percent since the Census Bureau's last survey, conducted in 1992. Small Business Administration spokesman Maurice Dubé said officials were staggered by the demand for a new women's pre-qualification loan program. The program allows women to get technical assistance and guarantees for loans of up to \$250,000. As of the end of February, 52 women had borrowed \$5.2 million from Maine banks using SBA guarantees. That makes the Augusta SBA office the third busiest of the sites nationally that are piloting the program -- busier even than larger SBA offices such as Philadelphia and New Orleans.

Environmentalists want user fees

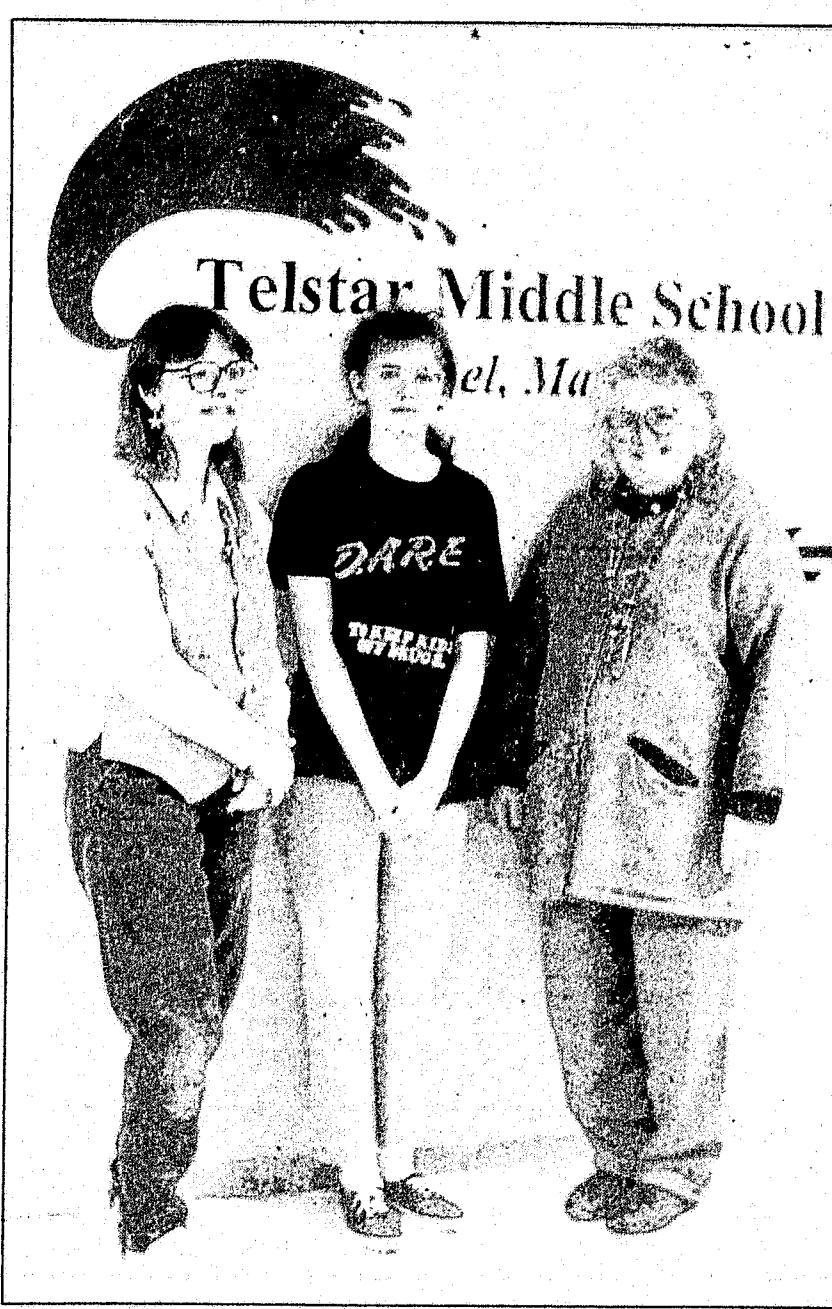
PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H.--A Colorado environmental group wants cross-country skiers, hikers and others who use the White Mountain National Forest to pay for its protection. The Biodiversity Legal Foundation of Boulder concludes the only way to curb damage to the mountain environment is to limit the number of visitors. It wants visitors to pay mandatory fees to underwrite wilderness protection plans. The fees are proposed in a report that focuses on the Appalachian Mountain Club's use of the national forest. The 53-page report demands the club's permit to operate in the White Mountain National Forest undergo the strictest environmental test possible. The club's 30-year permit expired last year and has been extended temporarily while the Forest Service considers renewing a long-term agreement. A club spokesman said it's up to the Forest Service to decide what the review process should be, and the club will comply with the service's requests.

Madison expansion delayed

MADISON--Madison Paper Industries' plan for a \$500 million expansion at its mill along the Kennebec River has been taken off the fast track, a company official said. The central Maine papermaker said recently that it missed an opportunity to expand this year, but emphasized that the project is still viable. A spokesman said the timetable for the project has been set back because of market forces. A slowdown in advertising has dampened the demand for paper that would be produced by the expanded mill. The project would make Madison North America's largest producer of supercalendared paper, which is used for glossy advertising inserts, retail catalogues and magazines. Initial plans called for the 18-month project to be completed in the summer of 1997, but the company says the target date cannot be met.

New jobs in manufacturing

What kind of jobs will Americans have by the year 2005? The U.S. economy will create 16.5 million jobs that don't exist now. Three out of 10 of those new jobs will be in the manufacturing industries -- but to get them will demand modern skills: the ability to work computer-controlled machinery; a welder's certificate; advanced training in tool and die making. Among the sectors where job gains are expected to be greatest are plastic products, 10,000; commercial printing and business forms, 7,000; meat products, 5,700; and pharmaceuticals, 5,500.



MIDDLE SCHOOL TALENT--Two Telstar Middle School students recently qualified for academic programs conducted by the Center for Talented Youth of The Johns Hopkins University. Sheryl Westleigh of Albany and Marianne Nadeau of Locke Mills received notification of their eligibility due to their SAT scores as seventh-graders. The girls scored equal to or above the average college-bound senior, on the same test taken by the high school students. Westleigh is shown above with her mother, Sally (left), and writing teacher Suzanne Taylor.

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From the Bethel Police log:

Man's cleanliness is revealing

On April 13 at 6:37 p.m. a Vernon Street resident reported seeing a man sitting on the railroad trestle near his residence. He said the man appeared to be naked and washing clothes, and could be seen in the area off and on for over two hours. At 8 p.m. police and an Oxford County deputy walked down the tracks to the area in question. A search of the trestle and surrounding woods was conducted, but the man had apparently left.

Also on April 13

At 1:10 a.m. police assisted an Oxford County deputy in arresting Chet Garrison of Rumford (no birthday given) for criminal threatening with a weapon. The incident had occurred at Sunday River. The arrest was made on Elm Street.

At 10:30 p.m. a Railroad Street resident reported that for the past two nights the Sunday River train had been parked idling in front of his residence. He said that for the winter the train usually was parked near the overpass, where it caused no problems. Police told the complainant they would try to contact someone to see if the train could be moved. At 1:15 a.m. police were told the train's engineer could not move it during the night, but he would be advised of the normal parking location in the morning.

At 10:46 p.m. a Chandler Hill Road resident reported a domestic incident between herself and her husband. The officer met with the woman, who said the couple had been involved in an argument and her husband had pushed her. She did not want to press charges. She said her husband had left the residence just prior to the officer's arrival. The officer tried to talk the husband, who was apparently intoxicated, out of the woods without success. The officer then advised the woman to spend the night with relatives. No further contact was made with the husband throughout the night.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies. An answering machine takes calls when an officer is not in the office.

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's current department, according to Town Manager Irene Henley.

in the similarity in cost and somewhat reduced level of usage (1500 fewer hours per year) than the county contract would be, the budgeters voted in effect to stick with the present arrangement.

Approved the budget for programs, which includes the Police Department, as presented.

Budget Committee and town are scheduled to meet Monday at 3 p.m. to complete budget review. Any actions to this point are open to review until the final vote is taken.

appeal, Merton Brown has this to say. "I've paid into the retirement system for 20 years," he said. "What's she going to do with my money?" Show up and say "He's a thief. I don't want him to."

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art Fair Committee, met with photographic image for this willingness to work with us

Lewiston Sun and Coca-Cola. The Bethel Art Fair is scheduled to come to town.

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Campground

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The septic system must also meet state requirements for locating it in a flood plain, to prevent leakage into the river.

Other areas in which Parsons will have to answer to the board's satisfaction include lighting, signage, screening and fencing from neighbors, campfire safety and noise levels.

Board members are expected to conduct a site inspection next week, before considering Parsons' proposal further.

FAMILY CAMPGROUND

The Parsons family of West Bethel is planning a campground, riverside park, and outdoor outfitting business by the Androscoggin River in Bethel.

The family members are shown here at the site, near the Route 2 bridge.

Hastings Island is at left in the background.

From left are (rear): Pattle, Emily, and Jeff; front, Thomas, Charles, and Jonathon.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)



The Bethel Citizen

Canoe ramp

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and make some provision for ensuring its future maintenance.

"The state has the money but not the people power," he said.

Members of the trails group responded by voting unanimously last week to offer their expertise and labor, but only if the town would agree to take over the long-term maintenance of the ramp. Also, since the ramp would be located on town property, the town would have to be the agency that formally applies for the construction funds.

See little support for recreation

"We'll put it together and get it rolling," said Joe Aloisio, the engineer for Sunday River Ski Resort, "but (the town) has to commit to maintaining it."

And that's what worried the group members, given what they viewed as the half-hearted support the town of Bethel, at least at the official level, has shown for efforts to encourage recreational development.

"I think it's time for the town of Bethel to pull its weight for recreation -- especially they've done nothing for years," said Tom Remington, a member of Friends of the Androscoggin and manager of the Riverview Motel.

It is too late in this year's budget process to request funding for FY '97 (which begins June 1). Accordingly, the group agreed to accept responsibility themselves for maintaining the site for the first year.

As to the cost of maintaining the canoe ramp, it would be small, Remington said, "and I think the taxpayers of this town would be more than willing to do that."

Remington also suggested the trails group should push for next year's budget break out a separate category for the maintenance of recreational facilities -- especially since such facilities have become increasingly important to the town's economy.

Maintenance for Davis Park currently comes out of the town's Fountains, Parks and Cemeteries Account. The only other recreational facility maintained by the town is the winter skating rink on the common, also funded out of this account.

There appeared to be general agreement among the dozen or so members in attendance last week that the town has put little effort into its commitment to maintain Davis Park -- which, like the proposed boat ramp, was the product of a volunteer effort.

"Davis Park is maintained to a level that is just slightly better than an eyecore," Remington said.

No one disagreed.

Next, back to the selectmen

Polak had described the project in broad terms at an earlier meeting of the Bethel Board of Selectmen.

The board did not discourage the idea, but concern was expressed about who would bear the long-term cost of maintaining a ramp.

Polak said he will now return to the selectmen with the trails group's proposal.

Pine Grove Cemetery Association

The annual meeting of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association will be held April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the house of Arthur and Ruth Gilbert, W. Bethel.

Artificial flowers and other materials not removed from the lots by May 12th will be removed and destroyed during spring cleaning.

Ruth Gilbert, Secretary

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Rick Rolfe will be at Western Maine Supply Co. in Bethel, this Saturday, April 20th from 9-12

Rolfe, who is sponsored by Western Maine Supply Co. drives at Oxford Plains speedway in their Late Model Sportsman Race

VA dividend-hoax warning

Once again, a VA insurance dividend hoax is being circulated across the state. The hoax typically offers a dividend for each \$1,000 of GI insurance which was in force during service periods or for the number of years of service.

The hoax is refuted by the mysterious distribution of "applications," often poorly reproduced, and most often directed to the VA Insurance Center in Philadelphia. Occasionally the hoax appears in newspapers or newsletters. It has also been received through fax machines.

Veterans are usually encouraged to pass the information along to other veterans. The bogus applications may also claim that Congress has passed a law authorizing the

Mundt-Allen Auxiliary

Mundt-Allen Post 81 and Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall on Tuesday evening, April 9, for the regular meeting and potluck supper.

The auxiliary voted on many items, including raising money to sponsor the Children Awareness Day being held in Washington, D.C. on June 1.

A "thank you" letter from Victoria Coolidge was read. We helped sponsor her for the Miss Maine Teen Pageant.

Officers were elected for 1996 as follows: president, Arlene Bean; 1st vice, Jane Rolfe; second vice, Donna Taylor; secretary-treasurer, Mona Lowe; chaplain, Pauline Wieden; historian, Mona Lowe; sgt-at-arms, Wanda Buswell. Installation will be joint with the Post on May 14, with a roast beef supper planned.

Mrs. Jane Rolfe is the poppy chairperson and Miss Poppy will be chosen from the first grade at Crescent Park.

Delegates and alternates were chosen for the state convention, which is being held at Sunday River this June. We voted on dues increase for 1997.

On the sick list is Betty Perkins. She has injured her back and would like to hear from members and friends.

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Andover

by
Karen McKay

If you are a user or a friend of the Andover Library, come join your neighbors on April 20 in a volunteer effort to paint the exterior of the library building. Men, women and teenagers will be working from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and would appreciate any time you could help. Please bring a paint brush, paint scraper, hat and safety glasses if you can. April 27 will be an alternate work day in case of rain or snow. If you have any questions, please call 392-1208.

Members of the Olde Home Days committee are busy behind the scenes organizing events for Aug. 2, 3 and 4. On Friday night, the Ellis River Riders Horse Club will host the Beano and Casino Night at the town hall. There will also be a concert on the common. Saturday's events include the parade, flea market, art show, the rescue and fireman's chicken BBQ and dance, the doll carriage and bike parade, open houses at the Historical Society and the Public Library, the Antique and Classic Auto show, various competitions including a new photo contest, the Bean Hole Supper, and the Chandler House may also be open for tours. On Sunday "The Impalas" will play on the common, and the Ellis River Riders will host a horse show at their riding arena.

The committee welcomes anyone who is available to help with the planning of the three-day event. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the home of Trudy Akers.

Congratulations to those listed on the third-quarter honor roll at Andover Elementary: Fourth-grade High Honors -- Lindsey Farrington, Mahala Bubodeau. Honors --

Steven Chenery, Peter Poor and Renee Haney. Fifth-grade Honors -- Craig Avegine, Freddy Bailey and Shannon Fryberg. Sixth-grade High Honors -- Michael Sabin and Ben Sabin; Honors -- Christina Downs, Erika Davis and Angie Kreiton.

AES grades one, two, and four participated in the Fire Service Arbor Week Poster Contest. One poster from each classroom will be sent to Augusta to be hung in the State Capitol during Maine Arbor Week, May 20-24. Winners of the contest were Kindergarten -- John Farrington, First grade, Abby Mills; Second grade, Kayla Mills; Fourth grade, Erin Farrington. Each child that participated will receive a tree seedling from the forest industry.

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East Bethel

by
Nancy Mercer
Alice Grant of Cape Elizabeth visited Leslie Noyes on April 6 and 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Dube of Portland and Jill Olson of U.M.F. had Easter dinner with Neil and Linda Olson, Peggy Coolidge's cousin. Henry

Levett, passed away on April 9. Myra Foster passed away on April 10.

Jean Grover's daughter, Susan Bennhard of Alameda, Calif., visited her recently.

Jerry Bernier left for Lakeland, Fla., on April 10, for a one-week visit.

Alder River Grange will have a rummage sale in August. If anyone has items they no longer want, would you please give them to the grange. No clothing items, please. Call Stan Howe at 824-2291 or Nancy Mercer at 824-3350.

The neighborhood was shocked by the death of Fred Haines. Persons who wish to donate in his memory may send donations to the American Diabetes Association, 8 Crosby Street, Augusta, ME 04330.

Millie Jackson had cataract surgery on April 9. Dana Jackson had hernia and knee surgery last week. The knee surgery did not work and he will need a new knee replacement.

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On this date, April 8, most of the ice has gone from the pond. It makes me think of some lines written by Henry Thoreau, only he told of a lake instead of a pond. "A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature."

When I look at the pond I think of it as an eye of the earth. The trees along the shore are the eyelashes, which fringe it. Look at a distance, back from the shore and you can find the eyebrows, the wooded hills and the cliffs overhanging. The hills are mute, but they speak of God, for all these things are His hand works.

Snow just gave us another visit, it has rounded out the adventure of the

year. We have heard all the voices of the cold: the icy whisper of sleet on leaves and windows, the creaking squeal of snow underfoot, when it's a zero morning. We have experienced the December sunshine, stars in long evenings and the gray leafless trees. All these we remember about winter. We were also aware of beauty in the fallen snow, heard sounds and experienced things that hibernators did not, and the migrants to the far South never know.

Some of us would regret losing these things that they miss. Everyone here looks forward to spring and so do I. But I like each season in its turn, and I'm glad for the changes. Soon, spring will return with delicate new leaves bordering the winding brooks.

We will say, "Good morning...and a good today!"

Rena Curtis had 18 members of her family at her home for Easter dinner. Her granddaughter, Cindy Thurlow and husband of Freeport, came for a visit during the week.

Ann Holt had her father and mother, her brother David, Sally and Mary Holt and me at her home on Easter Sunday.

My nieces Maud Cullen and Maxine Leighton visited Rena and me on Tuesday.

Call to Easter Sunday Worship was held at the Newry Community Church April 7, with

Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and daughter Nancy at the organ. The message of the day was, "Believe thou this" from St. Peter I. "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye, rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of

Glory." Also, a poem, "The Legend of the Dogwood Tree," was read by Gil Seeley.

Polly Mahoney and Kevin Slater of the Mahoosus Mountain Adventures and yours truly were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bachelder. Later they went to Polly and Kevin's residence for supper. I came home and had a nap instead!

The Community Church had their yearly business meeting Monday night at 6 p.m. with Owen Wight as moderator. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Rodney Hanscom. Secretary Freda Robertson read the notes of the last meeting, etc. Treasurer Sylvia Wight brought the finances up to date. The same officers were re-elected. The trustees are Sylvia Wight, Owen Wight and Gilberte Seeley, with Bill Wight as assistant. Plans were made for a Memorial Day celebration, and for a yearly church picnic date is August 18. The officers were sworn in and the meeting adjourned.

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week because of the stormy weather. So, let's talk about animals.

Did you read about the mother cat who rescued her five little kittens from a burning building, one by one, touching each one with her nose to make sure they were all safe? It shows that with all creatures, animals or people, there is no way of measuring a mother's love. Now a story about the dog who was hit by a car and found his way, a mile away, to the veterinarian. (He knew where to go because he had been there for his shots in the past.)

Animals are such agreeable friends, they ask no questions, pass no criticisms. If it were not for my cat or dog, I think I could not live," said Ebenezer Elliot. There is in every animal's eye, a dim image and gleam of humanity, a flash of strange light through which their life looks out and up to our great claims the fellowship of the creature if not of the soul.

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by Andrea Wing

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Wing and Ed from the went to a meeting in South

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Oxford County Republican Committee Chairman Stan Howe led the members with a salute to the flag, and the Rev. Norman Rust gave the prayer. There were over 40 people in attendance and everyone agreed that it was a good supper and meeting. We met many old and new friends there. There were several speakers of the evening, which included candidates Eleanor Tracy, John Underwood, Vic Hodgkins, County Commissioner Steve Merrill, also words from Sen. Norman

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We saw two fat robins hopping around on the front lawn right next to the windows yesterday. They were finding something from the ground. Today, Wednesday, we are getting that wet snow and wind that was predicted. It looks like winter instead of spring. It's a good day to catch up on indoor jobs.

Saturday, April 6, Grace Nelson was treated to breakfast, lunch and video movies by Dennis and Marjorie Farnsworth. I have yet to see the movie "Babe." I hear it is quite popular. It must certainly be better than seeing so much murder and killings, etc., shown on T.V. and in the papers, where that poor little cat had rubber bands wound around its neck. Some people don't seem to know anything decent do they! I'm glad the cat was found, saved and treated by a vet. Why do some people do such cruel things?

I don't think I mentioned before that a former member of East Stoneham died unexpectedly on March 15 at his home town of Norridgewock. Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ervil L. Curtis Jr. He was the son of Ervil L. and Catherine (Littlefield) Curtis Sr. of East Stoneham. He was married to the former Ruth E. Bennett of Bethel and was predeceased by one brother, Alton Curtis of Rockland.

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Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt
The Good News Club Easter Party will be held at the Baptist Church Annex at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 18.

Judith Grover Tent 17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War met on Tuesday, April 9, at the Grange Hall for a regular meeting. Thirteen members were present. Plans were made for the Craft, Food and Flea Market sale on Saturday, May 18. There was discussion about Memorial Day plans. We are to order more flags. Helvi Cary read a very interesting article on Joshua Chamberlain. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, with Sally Sawyer and Elsie Bonney on refreshments. Thirty-two calls were reported. Sick members were reported. Refreshments were served by Helvi and Michelle Cary.

Beatrice Farnum and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Chase. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett, Ray and Shawn; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens; Keith, Jennifer, Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Chase, Liza and Cal; Crystal Chase; Arie Beane and Helen Chase.

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West Paris by Russell Yates
Howdy friends, the weather report sounds like we're in for another dismal day, but I'm sure that spring is here as I have my first cold of the winter. It started with a sore throat, but I soon cured that with an old-time remedy of equal parts of honey and lemon juice, taken occasionally by the teaspoonful.

Don't forget the Craft, Food and Flea Market sale to be held at the West Paris Grange Hall, May 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table rental is \$3 each, and many have already been reserved. To reserve tables, contact Peggy Blake at 674-3872 or Mary Lovejoy at 674-2147. The Cookie Walk will be featured again at this sale. Refreshments will be served. Come join the crowd.

Impi and Raymond Mack were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Heikkilainen at Howe's Corner in Turner.

At the present time, I have no knowledge of any dances at either West Paris or Locke Mills on the third Saturday.

Last Monday forenoon, Peggy had to go to South Paris to take care of errands and I made my cherry-nut cake, for judging at Grange, while she was gone. I used a different recipe this time, and even though it was April Fool's Day, it was okay and turned out pretty good.

We attended Franklin Grange in the evening. We had several visitors from other Granges, but two youth leaders, that were expected to come and help on the program, just never showed up for some reason. When it came to the cake judging, Dot Canwell from Oxford got first prize for the ladies, and since I was the only

man to make a cake, I got first place for the men. Now we will both have to make another cherry-nut cake to be judged at the Pomona level in May.

The weather turned fair later in the day on Tuesday, and we attended Oxford Pomona Grange, which was also held at Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond, with 41 supper tickets sold. State Grange Master Clyde Berry and State Grange Treasurer Shirley Geyer were with us for this Pomona meeting as Brother Geyer was picked to inspect our Pomona. We had to confer the Pomona Degree and since we had no candidates, Brother Geyer, also State Grange Deputy and Connie Tutis from Dixfield, volunteered to take the place of the candidates. It was a good Pomona meeting.

It wasn't April Fool's Day on Wednesday, but we woke up to problems. We had no heat and no water, other than some we keep on hand all of the time. We heated water on the gas range for what we needed. After breakfast, I called Gendron Oil Company, and one of their technicians came about 10:30 a.m. He soon learned that the reason our furnace wouldn't run was electrical, and after he changed some wires to different places in the power box, we had heat. The electrician soon learned that we had a break in the cable running from the mobile home to the electrical light pole, so we would need a new cable. He didn't have enough cable with him to do the job, so he would return Thursday to finish the job. He did run a wire so that the water pump would work. When he came on Thursday, Peggy and I had the old cable all dug up ready for him. When he went to make his connections under the meter box, he found that the weather and old age had badly corroded areas, so he couldn't tighten the connections, and that also needed replacing. This was nothing that he carried, so he had to come again on Friday.

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Check it Out! classic and foreign videos for the month of April are: "The Green Pastures," "Umberto D.," "As You Desire Me," "Hallelujah!," "Night of the Living Dead," "Two for the Seesaw," "Man Facing Southeast," "Paths of Glory," "Forever and a Day," "Fantasia."

Two new audio tapes were donated this week. Cid and Sally Tessicini gave Grisham's "The Rainmaker," and Elaine Pitkin donated "Closing Time" by Joseph Heller. Thanks also to Amy Ford for her gift of original artwork.

A reminder to last-minute tax preparers: the library has reproducible federal tax forms, but not state tax forms.

New books added include "The Raven" by Peter Landesman, "Caesar's Women" by Colleen McCullough, "Trying to Save Piggy Sneed" by John Irving, "Pentecost Alley" by Anne Perry, "Dead Man Out of Mind" by Kate Charles, "The Blue Jay's Dance: A Birth Year" by Louise Erdrich, and "Bird By Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life" by Anne Lamott.

Betsy Raymond
Librarian

Women's rights activist to speak

On Thursday, April 25, women's rights activist Vivian Stromberg will speak to Gould Academy social studies students and members of the community about her 35 years of work in the peace and justice movement.

Stromberg is a founding board member and executive director of MADRE, a 20,000-member national women's organization dedicated to the long-term economic and social development and political empowerment of women. MADRE,

which means "mother" in Spanish, has delivered over \$6 million in medical and educational equipment, supplies, programs and services to women and children in various parts of the world including Central America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, the former Yugoslavia, and the United States.

Stromberg will speak in the Presentation Room in Holden Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission to her presentation is free and the public is encouraged to attend.



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GYMNASICS AT CPS

Oxford Hills Gymnastics will offer a second session of gymnastics at the Crescent Park School starting Wednesday, May 1.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for boys and girls in grades K-6. Beginner to advanced skills will be taught in tumbling, vaulting and on the balance beam and bars. A registration day will be held at the school on Tuesday, April 23 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Participants registering for Oxford Hills Gymnastics Programs must be pre-registered and paid before the first class. All classes have a minimum and maximum enrollment policy and participants are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Financial assistance and payment plans are available on a limited basis.

For more information or to receive a registration form call Donna Landry at 207-539-4998.

NOTES FROM

Adult Education

A group meeting for adults who are unemployed or underemployed takes place Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Adult Learning Center. Topics of interest are discussed, and speakers will be invited during the next few weeks. There is no charge.

Two career seminars will be offered by Adult Education in May. Career Workshop for Women featuring choices in business ownership and Non-traditional Occupations with Auto Main of Central Maine Technical College. This session is a reality check for women on wages and salaries, training opportunities, and more. The seminar will be held at Telstar on Wednesday, May 1, from 6:30-8:30. The fee is \$5.

A seminar in Starting Your Own Business will review all the steps necessary for a successful business start, including developing a business plan and financing options, with Walter Riseman of Community Concepts on Tues., May 14, 6-9. The session is free, but those planning to attend should pre-register with Adult Education.

For more information on the weekly group meeting or to register for the seminars call 824-2780.

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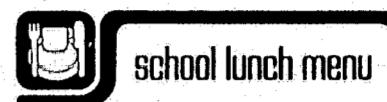
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WEEK OF APRIL 22

SAD44 Breakfast Program
Monday: Two waffles, blueberry
cup, maple syrup, milk.

Tuesday: Cereal, toast, jelly or
pbutter, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast donut, date
and nut cup, milk.

Thursday: Cereal, toast, jelly or
pbutter, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Peanut butter and jelly
pocket, fresh fruit, milk.

SAD44 Lunch Program

Monday: Tomato soup, ham
burger on a seed bun, veggie
variety, fruit variety, fruit shape-up,
milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti and meat
sauce, salad bar, bread and pbutter,
fruit variety, milk.

Wednesday: Pizza, salad bar, fruit
variety, milk.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets,
potato wedges, honey cups, veggie
variety, strawberries, milk.

Friday: Peanut butter and jelly
pocket, cheese wedge, salad bar,
fruit variety, milk.

Oxford Hills Lunch Program

Monday: Chicken salad sandwich
on whole wheat, salad bar, veggies,
fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Meatball sub w/sauce,
golden potato puffs, buttered broc-
coli, fruit.

Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup,
hamburger on a bun, buttered pasta,
fresh fruit.

Thursday: Pizza w/topping, whole
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Friday: Italian spaghetti w/meat
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Friday, 26 .. Winthrop
Saturday, 27 .. Gould
Monday, 29 .. Lisbon

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Wednesday, 1 .. Mt. Vie

Friday, 3 .. Jay

Saturday, 4 .. Hebron

Monday, 6 .. Mt. Vie

Wednesday, 8 .. Dirigo

Friday, 10 .. Lisbon

Thursday, 16 .. Carrabassett

Friday, 17 .. Gould

Monday, 20 .. Livermore

Wednesday, 22 .. Leavitt

Friday, 24 .. Mt. Aroostook

Tuesday, 28 .. Madawaska

Thursday, 30 .. Winthrop

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school lunch menu

APRIL 22

Breakfast Program
Two waffles, blueberry
syrup, milk.
Cereal, toast, jelly or
fruit juice, milk.
Any: Breakfast donut, date
or milk.
Cereal, toast, jelly or
fresh fruit, milk.
Peanut butter and jelly
with fruit, milk.

4 Lunch Program

Tomato soup, ham
a seeded bun, veggie
variety, fruit shape-up.

Spaghetti and meat
bar, bread and pbutter,
milk.

Any: Pizza, salad bar, fruit
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Chicken nuggets,
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Chicken salad sandwich

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Any: Pizza w/topping, whole

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Italian spaghetti w/meat

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From the
Bethel Bicentennial Committee

By JIM ROSE

During Bethel's Bicentennial Week the Bethel Area Task Force and NTL Institute will sponsor a lawn party to celebrate the history shared between the Bethel and NTL communities. The event will be on the front lawn of the NTL Founders House (Gehring House), Tuesday, June 11 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to understand more about the long, fruitful association between town and institute. An afternoon of sharing history, music and fellowship is planned by the Bethel Area Task Force and is open to all.

As part of this celebration, the Bethel Area Task Force is collecting letters from individuals who have participated in an NTL sponsored activity and are willing to write briefly about their experiences. This could include participation in a Human Interaction Lab or any other lab, Sunrise Seminars, focus groups preparing for a Bethel Community Conference, the conference themselves, Telstar/Gould Leadership programs and housing or feeding past NTL participants.

We are also seeking letters from NTL participants living throughout the United States and abroad. The collected letters will be compiled and presented to the Bethel Historical Society as an example of the widespread effect of the NTL Bethel experience.

Interested contributors can send their letters to Kathi Schandelmeyer or Barbara Brown, c/o NTL Institute, P.O. Box 359, Bethel, ME 04217.

BUILD A BLUEBIRD HOUSE

The Oxford County Cooperative Extension will offer a hands-on workshop on building bluebird houses 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, at the Rural Extension Office in South Paris.

Dave LaFond, a local forest steward, will speak on his own efforts to restore a County Forest to a natural condition with a mix of native shrubs, covering such topics as what they eat, where

they live, and what can be done to enhance your landscape to attract them.

After the slide show, everyone will be given the opportunity to build a bluebird house. Cost of the workshop is \$12, which covers the cost of the materials. Each participant is asked to bring their own hammer. Pre-registration is required by calling 743-6329 or 1-800-281-4482.

GREENWOOD HISTORICAL

The Greenwood Historical Society held its regular meeting Wednesday, April 3 with President Joan Kimball presiding. There were 13 members present.

Since the last meeting in March, the society has lost another life member by the death of Kenneth Dailey of Portland. He was the grandson of the late Decatur and Angie (Martin) Cross who were residents on the Howe Hill road. His mother, life member Vivian (Cross) Dailey left this area at the age of 11 in 1923 to live with an aunt in Portland after the deaths of her parents.

During the meeting, a letter to the society was read from life member E. Keene Swan of Foster City, Calif. Members who know him were pleased to hear from him, and to hear what he is doing now.

A donation of a painting was received from Carole (Martin) Sillsby of Eliot. The painting, "The Old Man of the Mountains," was done by her uncle, Glenn Martin, and had been given to her late parents, Dwight and Tessie Martin.

The society bought the new book about the Richardson Lakes by Randy Bennett.

It was reported at the meeting that \$910 had been received for the endowment fund.

Refreshments were served by Vera Cross and Edith Morey. Joan Kimball volunteered to furnish

them for the May meeting. No plans have been made at the present time for entertainment for the next meeting. At this meeting a few spoke about their experiences during the 1936 flood.

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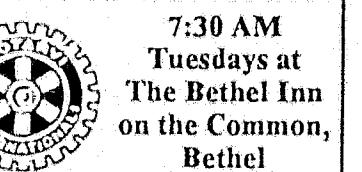
The Mahoosuc Arts Council will support the Maine Music Society's Fifth Anniversary Concert Season by presenting the Maine Chamber Ensemble in concert on Friday, April 19. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in Bingham Auditorium at Gould Academy in Bethel. This special evening of music is being made possible by support from the family of Leslie B. Otten, the Bethel Inn and Country Club, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Meara, Elizabeth Winsor, Will and Marguerite Graham, McDonald's/LeClerc Management Co., Hardy, Wolf & Downing, Attorneys and the Maine Arts Commission.

Boston-based mezzo-soprano Gloria Raymond will appear as guest vocal soloist with the 30-member ensemble. She will perform Les Nuits d'Ete, ravishingly beautiful music by the great French Romantic, Hector Berlioz. The program will also include Mozart's most well known symphony, No 40, in G minor, The Maine Chamber Ensemble is under the artistic direction of Peter Frewen.

The Maine Music Society supports the artistic and educational activities of the professional Maine Chamber Ensemble and the auditioned, mixed-voice Androscoggin Chorale. Based in Lewiston-Auburn, the society brings its activities to rural Maine audiences in Oxford Hills, Farmington, the Capitol region, and other areas of central and western Maine.

Advanced ticket prices are adults, \$8, and students, \$4, or if purchased at the door, adults, \$10, and students, \$4. Tickets may be obtained at Preb's Pharmacy, Bethel or by calling 824-3575 for reservations.

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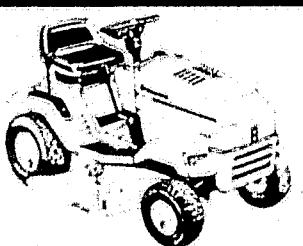
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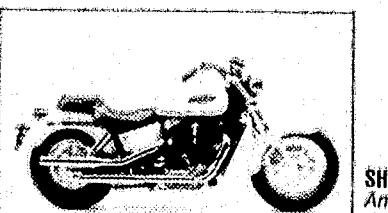
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Bethel Bicentennial
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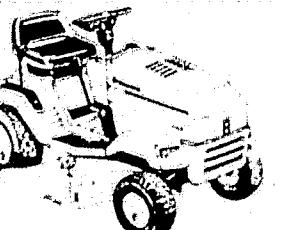
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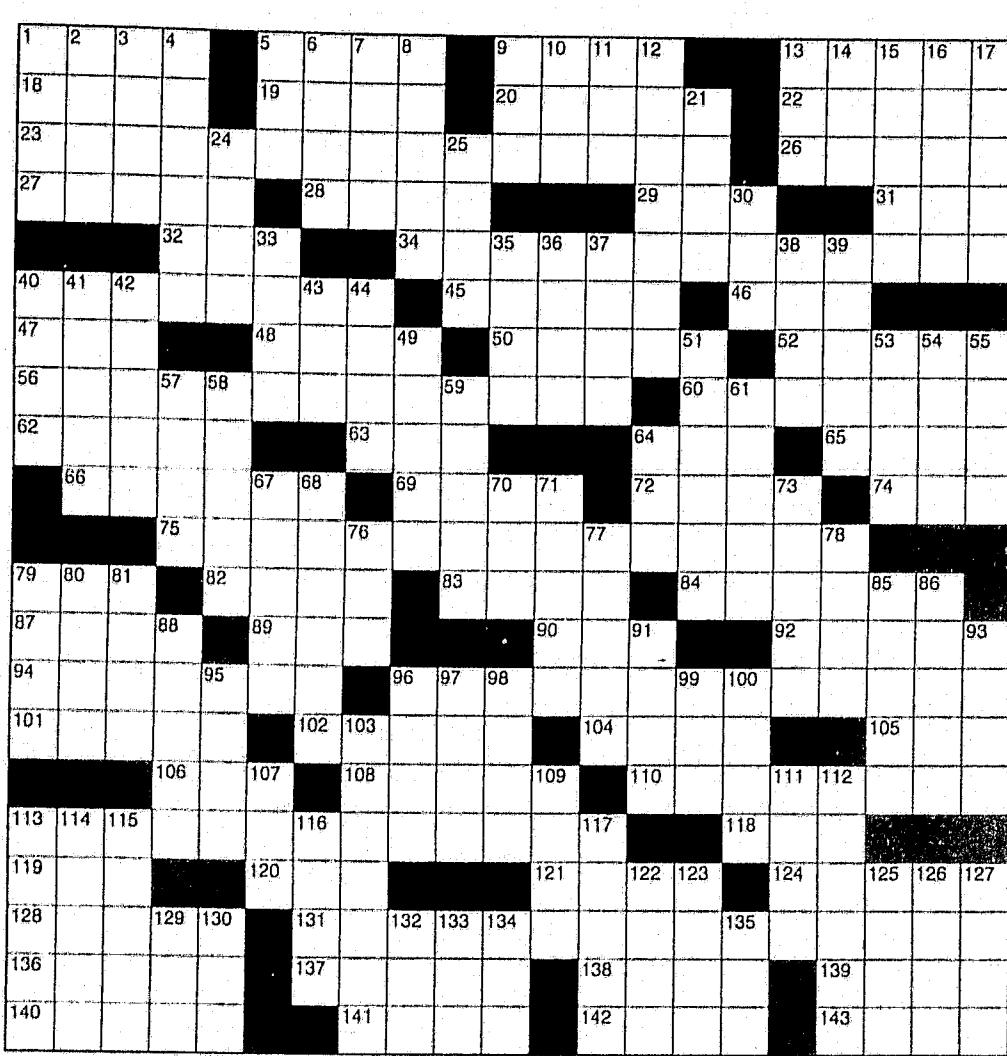
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